

High Twelve International – Mid Year Meeting – January 23-24, 2011  
Rivera Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Minutes of Meeting

January 24:

- Call to Order, 8:00 a.m. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Introductions:  
Executive Committee, State Representatives, Past International Presidents, Other Dignitaries
- Roll Call
- Reports:  
Officers  
Committees
- Unfinished Business:  
\$100,000 Friends Group  
Club By-Laws  
Fund Raisers  
Per Capita Billing  
International Awards (High Twelvian of the Year/Founder's Award)
- New Business  
By-Law Changes  
New Club Expenses
- Lunch
- Training Session (Model of Club Success) presented by Art Walton, President, California Association of High Twelve Clubs.
- Comments by Executive Board & Committees
- Adjournment, 5:55 p.m.
- Dinner: Members & Ladies, 6:00 p.m.

January 25:

- Call to Order, 9:00 a.m. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Membership Program (Open Discussion) Jim Parker
- Executive Committee Meeting

- Long Range Planning
- Educational Program presented by Ed Rund/Illinois
- Lunch: Members & Ladies
- Continue Executive Planning Committee, 1:00 p.m.
- Adjournment, closing prayer, 4:55 p.m.

Notes:

1. Quorum Declared: Those in attendance were: Intl President; 1VP; 3VP; Intl Treasurer; Intl Secretary; Intl General Counsel; Parliamentarian. State Association: Arizona (Kevin Hokerk/Proxy), California (Art Walton), Colorado (Larry George/Proxy), Florida (Fred Nielsen), North Central (B. O. Bryngelson), Illinois (Ed Rund), Michigan (David Dern), Missouri (Dennis Vogel), Ohio (Earl Dawson), Pennsylvania (Winton Hewitt/Proxy), Texas (Lloyd Smith). Wolcott Foundation (Malcolm White).

2. Ed Rund/Illinois presented an Educational Program. He is seeking suggestions on how to best deliver education to High Twelve Members; also, establishing a standard definition of the duties and responsibilities of officers. Training sessions on CD's (PowerPoint) of what other states are doing and having these sessions available to everyone is a strong recommendation.

3. Art Walton emphasized that everyone is a member of the Wolcott Foundation and the importance of continued donations cannot be mentioned too often.

4. President Merv Harris talked about the \$100,000 endowment fund. This is an important program whereby High Twelvians can donate \$100.00 (into an interest bearing account) for the continued health and growth of the endowment fund. Details outlining this program will appear in the Monthly Updates and the High Twelvan Magazine. Promoting this to clubs is very important.

5. Third International Vice President, Jim Parker, IV, gave a PowerPoint Slide Presentation on "What is High Twelve?"

6. Proposed Changes to the High 12 International By-Laws are as follows:

Article VI, Section 2A shall be deleted and a new section shall be approved as follows:

**Each club shall pay to High 12 International annual per capita dues in an amount established by resolution of the delegates at the International Convention, provided that notice of any proposed increase above the then current level of per capita dues shall be published each to each club at least ninety (90) days prior to the International Convention at which such resolution is considered. Per capita dues are billed in advance in March of each year based on the most recent club membership report of the current calendar year.**

Section B shall be amended as follows:

On or before **March 1**, the International Office shall send to the Secretary of the State Association, if any, a statement of a constituent club's amount payable for per capita dues for the number of active members shown on the respective club's report for the immediately preceding **May**. Payment shall be made on or before **June 1**.

The other sections of article 6 shall be renumbered accordingly.

## **Article VII**

Article 7 shall be renamed as "Publications"

Section 1 – Authorization shall be amended as follows:

The official publication of High 12 International, Inc. shall be the magazine known as the High Twelvian **or the High 12 International Website ....**

A new section "a" shall be inserted as follows:

**A. Wherever publication or dissemination of any information relative to High 12 International is required by these bylaws or otherwise publication of such information in the High Twelvian or the High 12 International Website within the applicable time frame shall satisfy all legal requirements for publication.**

7. International President Merv Harris presented 5-Star Award Certificates to Jim Parker and Earl Dawson. He also presented the President's Medal to Jerry Saville and Kevin Hokerk for their exceptional service.

8. Loyd Smith presented and discussed the High Twelve Year-End Summary of the International Endowment Fund. There was a motion and second to accept this report. Motion passed.

9. TVP Sid LeLuan gave his report. Database: We are in beta testing. Names are being imported to the expansive database and the potential for facilitating almost every aspect of our Association is phenomenal. We will have and up the current entry result for member query. We will know who gave what to which campaign. A remarkable residual marketing tool that will aid us in determining where the club and State financial weaknesses are and certainly our strengths. No more duplicate, triplicate and more mailings to a single person, saving us money on the High Twelvian. Permission rights are restricted to avoid the accidental deletion of entire clubs which happened under the previous database. A member may make a query, a club secretary may modify a clubs roster, the International Secretary will be able to take any information and modify it. The fact that State Secretaries will have limited access assures the International Secretary that he will not be burdened with every minute detail. Again, I respectfully request that any member having experience in databases send me questions for responses. Any member who has a question that I cannot answer, please write your question down on a piece of paper, give me your phone number and email, and I will get you an answer.

Jewelry Sales: This season there was a drop in retail sales. Due, in part to the fact that the retail website was hacked and down for almost 6 weeks before fully functional. We are OK now. Net sales to High 12 from June through December are: \$475.47. We currently have \$939.80 in the High 12 kitty from sales. In a recent discussion involving PIP Jim Satterthwaite and IP Merv Harris, it was agreed that the proceeds from these sales go to offset the expense of the NEW endowment pin. It will be significantly improved and have a much greater perceived value.

10. Comments/Thoughts:

- An effort will be made to begin drafting a uniform set of bylaws for clubs and states. International Counsel (Matt Dupee) will begin this process) and discussed at the Annual Convention in Jacksonville then brought to the Mid-Year Meeting in 2012.

- Parliamentarian Don Griffiths spoke on his duties as parliamentarian.

Comments/Thoughts (Continued):

- Acknowledge and thank others for what they do. Individual enthusiasm is what is really needed. Negative meetings are a big turn-off. Ask local members what they want in a guest speaker/program. Be positive.
- The Editor of the High Twelvian should be given a debit card to offset High Twelve expenses.
- Consider various fundraising ideas (label program, pocket pals, etc.)
- Get more involved in charitable events.